

Summer Update Part II...

Yes, Summer is coming and we know your are anxiously awaiting an answer about our plans!

Unfortunately, we are still waiting for a decision about reopening schools. Our staff is planning and eager to reconnect with your children.

Keep watching your email for updates.

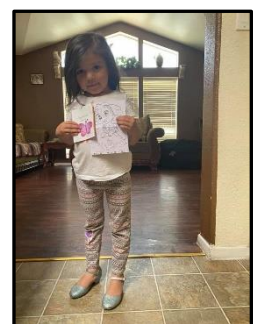
Please visit Arizona's Child Care Resource and Referral for outside options.

<https://www.azccrr.com/>

"Home Schooling"

We recognize that you did not plan on homeschooling your child, but based on our current state of affairs, we have all become home schooling families! We have always believed that you, as the parent, are your child's primary teacher and we are hoping to give you some ideas to make this time to best it can possibly be for your child!

- **Don't worry about creating a "school" environment.** Preschoolers learn through active play so allowing them to dig in the yard, help with cooking, build structures with everyday materials, or just looking through books will support their independent development.
- **Expect a little bit of regression or challenges in behavior.** You may be surprised to see your preschooler having some new bathroom accidents or act out in baby-like ways during this time which is perfectly normal! This time is stressful for everyone and we need to give a bit of grace to our children as they learn to adapt.
- **Talk, talk, talk, talk, talk!** The more language preschool children experience, the better their future reading skills will be as they are familiar with a wide variety of words that you are sharing with them. Talking WITH them helps them to feel connected to you also, and it is helpful for you to feel connected as well 😊



Check out our Tempe PRE Facebook page!

Tempe PRE is helping preschoolers continue learning at home with short videos featuring familiar songs and favorite books. Kids can enjoy the [Five Little Ducks](#) song and hear plenty of real-life birds in the background or listen in to [Five Little Bunnies](#) and meet Pancake the bunny at the end.

Stay connected with *Tempe at Home* - a series of free virtual content that mirrors activities from Tempe's parks and recreation, library, arts engagement, Tempe PRE and Tempe Center for the Arts programs. There are daily activities, videos, arts and crafts and game ideas to help keep the whole family entertained.

Subscribe to the [Tempe at Home playlist](#) on You Tube to see all the videos.

VIRTUAL REGISTRATIONS THROUGH TEAMS!

Tempe PRE Registrations for Next School Year are Virtual

Registration for new families for the upcoming school year are open and we are making every effort to move forward with your child's enrollment. If you haven't applied, please visit our website tempe.gov/tempePRE. Once your child is selected, we will contact you by email with instructions for enrollment and required paperwork.

For current families continuing in Tempe PRE, you will receive an email with all the information for re-verification. Please be sure to respond promptly so we can ensure your child is ready to go when Tempe PRE re-opens for 2020 – 2021.

Returning families that have not completed re-verification yet, please be prepared with the following documentation:

- Proof of address (utility bill, lease contract or mortgage statement).
- Proof of income (tax form 2019, or the last 3 paychecks from all the adults living in the household).
- Work hours if applying Extended Care. Children attending extended care will not be automatically enrolled.

During the meeting we will review the Parent Handbook and then we will ask you to complete some forms.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your child and an exciting time for your entire family. We are happy to assist you and answer any questions that you may have. Please feel free to contact us anytime at pre-k@tempe.gov

Remember to check your email constantly.



Tempe has two new resources for parents:

Parenting support. Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) is offering free parenting support to young children in English and Spanish. Take part in virtual discussions about managing stress and parenting during the pandemic or access one-on-one consultations with Triple P practitioners. Find more details at [Triple P's new COVID-19 webpage](#).

Coloring pages. *Thank You, Heroes* is an easy and fun way for kids to show their appreciation for frontline heroes using the timeless art of coloring. Help us flood the community with gratitude. Find more details [here](#).

Tempe Elementary District **Schools Closed for remainder of the year**

Please check on a regular basis as the district will communicate all calendar updates this way or through the district website: <https://www.tempeschools.org/>

Kyrene School District **Schools Closed for remainder of the year**

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